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Curdled Goodwill

It is difficult to know the exact nature of the demonstrations against Messrs. Bulganin and Khrushchev in England. But it is easy to accept the British reaction that these top Soviet leaders "revealed their true face" when, as guests, they chose to bluster defiance of the demonstrations.

The two Russians must have a better knowledge, after their British visit, of the fact that people in non-Communist nations are no less skeptical now of the Soviet government's real intentions than in the past, and with good reason.

It will take more than goodwill tours to prove that the much-discussed "new face" in Russian leadership does mean new co-operation with the non-Communist world. Allen W. Dulles, director of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, had a good statement on this a few days ago.

"The final and real test of the intentions of the Soviet leaders," he said, "will remain their willingness to accept those basic changes that can give the Russian people and the rest of the world genuine assurance that a one-man or a three- or four-man dictatorship cannot again plot in secret the massive domestic or international crimes of the past."

"How can the Soviet people themselves be sure this new group will not in the course of a few years again lead to a personal dictatorship with all the vices they now attribute to Stalinism?"

The Russian leaders will have to provide the evidence on this. It is in fact a healthy situation to have Messrs. Bulganin and Khrushchev realize, after the British visit, that there are substantial issues which aren't going to be settled just by everybody smiling at one another on goodwill tours.

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